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Colony's Status

IT will be surprising indeed if anything tangible emerges from the round table conference on Malta that will affect the existing status of Hongkong. The agency story from London yesterday which suggested such a possibility was full of question marks, and when analysed, indicated that little more than nebulous ideas about constitutional changes throughout the colonial empire are floating around the minds of some of the Whitehall experts.

There is a wide distinction between the constitutional claims and problems of Malta, and the non-self-governing colonies, and the most round table conference in London can be expected to produce, so far as Hongkong and its kindred colonies are concerned, a generalised policy which might be useful as a guide for future constitutional reform.

The suggested new status for island colonies such as Hongkong and Cyprus is not wholly unattractive, but it poses issues and complications which are not to be resolved overnight.

FIRST and foremost it is a requirement that before Hongkong can become a dominion it must have at least a measure of self-government—a proposition which at the moment does not enjoy the approval either of the United Kingdom government, the Hongkong authorities, or even a substantial section of the local community.

Division of public opinion on this aspect of constitutional reform is emphasised by the fact that the two most articulate organisations claiming to speak for the community—the Hongkong Reform Club and the Civic Association—hold opposite views.

Nevertheless, if the time comes when Hongkong does attain a full enough measure of self-government to justify its status being raised to that of an old-time dominion, the rest of the scheme is not unfeasible.

It is that Hongkong would become attached to a geographically suitable part of the British Commonwealth, would have an appointed Commissioner, and accordingly would possess direct access to Whitehall through its accredited representative.

THE notion that Hongkong should have an influential on-the-spot "voice" in London, either sitting in Parliament or accorded a special Whitehall status, is not a new one. And these days it is assuming a question of added importance because so much that goes on in and around the Colony involves the Foreign Office as well as the Colonial Office.

Govt Coal Policy

Tory MPs
In
"Revolt"

London, July 12. A "revolt" among Conservative members of parliament against Sir Anthony Eden's government over its coal policy grew tonight with one of the Prime Minister's supporters bitterly assailing the administration.

The member, Mr. Gerald Nabarro, made his attack in a letter, resigning from the secretariatship of the Conservative Fuel and Power Committee—a group of Government supporters who study fuel policy.

The 41-year-old MP declared it was impossible for him to continue in his post when he was in conflict with his own Party's Fuel and Power Committee.

Mr. Nabarro, in his letter to the Board, said the recent announcement by the National Coal Board which runs the state-owned industry that coal prices are to be increased by 12s 6d a ton.

They are also critical of the Board's failure to get increased coal output which has meant Britain has had to import large quantities of coal to maintain its industries running.

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He pointed particularly to the "heavy increase in coal prices and the dire necessity of importing 12 million tons of coal this year at a cost of £80 million which is likely to rise to 25 million tons of coal imports next year at a cost of £170 million."

Mr. Nabarro declared that the Conservative Fuel and Power Committee had "constantly urged" on Mr. Geoffrey Lloyd the dangers of the developing coal shortage and measures for coping with it.

"Advice in these connections has largely been disregarded and what is already a dangerous fuel position fraught with difficulties to our balance of payments may become calamitous next year," Mr. Nabarro said.

Sir Anthony Eden called Mr. Lloyd to a Cabinet meeting earlier today when the fuel "revolt" was discussed.—Reuter.

NO BAIL FOR
BELFRAGE

New York, July 12. The United States Court of Appeals, in a unanimous decision on Tuesday, denied a motion by Cedric H. Belfrage, British-born editor of The National Guardian, a leftist publication here, for his release on bail.

The Court also upheld an order calling for deportation of Belfrage to England.—Associated Press.

POLICE SLAY 3

Algiers, July 12. Three Algerians were killed and four wounded at Blida, near Algiers, in a brush between police and Algerians yesterday.

One of the men killed, named Houari, had already been sentenced to death in absentia by the Blida Assizes court. Three Algerians were also arrested, and one policeman received slight injuries.—France-Press.

Faure To Submit Disarmament Plan

Paris, July 12. Premier Edgar Faure will submit to President Eisenhower and Britain's Prime Minister Sir Anthony Eden on Sunday a disarmament plan which, if approved, will be discussed at the Big-Four talks which open in Geneva on Monday.

The French plan calls for a proportional cut in arms spending by the Big-Four powers and for the money thus saved to be paid into a joint fund to be used to aid under-developed countries.

Organisation Which A
Divided Germany
Could Join
SOVIET ANNOUNCEMENT

London, July 12.

Russia, in an eve of Geneva statement, tonight proposed a collective security organisation for Europe which both halves of Germany could join and declared that this would hasten German unity.

The organisation should be open to all European states, Moscow Radio said quoting an "authorised" Tass news agency statement.

All states willing to take part should be able to join the proposed organisation, Moscow Radio said.

The statement denied British and American suggestions that she had lost interest in reuniting Germany. Russia turned the accusation against the West who, by the Paris agreement, "have sacrificed the cause of German reunification for the sake of German militarism."

If it was not possible under present conditions to reach immediate agreement on reuniting Germany on "peace-loving and democratic foundations" the problem must be solved step by step by means of relaxing international tension.

Russia denied that she was afraid of the potential threat represented by a reunited Germany and said the danger of a new world war would be worst for Germany herself, who would be in the centre of military operations.

The statement said Russia still supports a policy leading to a united Germany.

The argument of some people in the West that the Soviet Union was opposed to a united Germany because she was afraid of the potential threat represented by such a united Germany was unjustified, the statement said.

Russia proved in the last war that on her own she could defeat a Germany which had at her disposal the resources of Europe. Today when the Soviet Union was much more powerful she had much less reason to fear the military and economic potential of a united Germany.

agreements rearming West Germany) have sacrificed the cause of German reunification for the sake of German militarism.

"These actions prove that the realisation of these plans is opposed to the plans for German reunification."

The statement said any new war would cause enormous and unprecedented human sacrifices and material destruction.

"In a modern war when new weapons of mass destruction have appeared—atomic, hydrogen, guided and others—it is obvious that not a single country taking part in the war could escape enormous destruction and human sacrifice."

"However, hardly anyone can doubt that the greatest danger of a new war would be for Germany. Germany would be in the centre of military operations with all the ensuing disasters for the German people."

"The solution of the German question is indissolubly linked with ensuring the security of Europe as a whole. That is now the view of all the European countries who are striving to safeguard their peaceful development."

"If it is not possible under present conditions to reach immediate agreement on the reunification of Germany on peace-loving and democratic foundations, it will be necessary to obtain the solution of this problem step by step by means of relaxing international tension."

"This would be entirely in accordance with the establishment of an all-European system of collective security with the participation of all European states irrespective of their social and political differences."

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Agreed To
Landlady's
Murder Request

Berlin, July 12. An East German refugee who testified that he had lured his landlady into a park and killed her with an axe when his landlady had given him the signal—a nurse in the ribs—was sentenced to hard labour for life by a West Berlin court.

Willi Kaemmerer, 40, told the court: "I could not say no" when his landlady, Frau Erna Gorke, at Jena, East Germany, asked him to rid her of her husband.

Kaemmerer murdered Gorke in Jena's Gardens in March last year. Frau Gorke then helped him to stones to the body and drop it in the Saale river. She was sentenced to life imprisonment by an East German court last February.—China Mail Special.

7 Boys
Killed In
Avalanche

Banff, July 12.

The Royal Canadian Mounted police announced on Tuesday that seven American boys attempting to scale one of the Canadian Rockies were killed in an avalanche.

Six of the boys were from Philadelphia and the seventh from St. Louis. The avalanche caught them on Monday within 2,000 feet of the top of 11,850-foot Mt. Temple.

They were in a group of 11 members of an expedition of the Wilderness Club of Philadelphia.

A Banff Park official said none of the National Park officials knew the climb was being made. Five bodies have been recovered.

The dead, as announced by police were: Richard and James Bell, 13-year-old twins; William Wise, 15; William Watts, 16; Miles Marble, 12 and David Chapin, 15, all of Philadelphia; and Luther Seddon, 13, of St. Louis.

On Monday afternoon the boys made camp 3,000 feet up on Mt. Temple.

Eleven of the boys decided they would like to go higher. The boys climbed up to between 8,500 and 10,000 feet and found it would be impossible to go any higher. They had just started the return trip when the avalanche occurred, about 4 p.m.

It was estimated the boys tumbled down 300 feet in the avalanche.—Associated Press.

Ready To
Discuss Vietnam
Elections

London, July 12.

South Vietnam's United States-backed Government today was reported to be ready to agree to meet with the Communist leaders of North Vietnam next week to arrange all-Vietnam elections for 1956.

The move would eliminate one potential stumbling block to the success of the "summit" conference of Big Four leaders at Geneva, beginning next week.

United Press correspondent B. K. Tiwari cabled from New Delhi the news that the election arrangements would be made after the Communist, Indo-Chinese leader Mr. Ho Chi Minh arrived in Moscow for consultations with Soviet leaders on the elections and other issues which threatened trouble for the West at the Geneva conference.

United Press staff correspondent Kenneth Brodney reported by telephone from Moscow that Mr. Ho Chi Minh, in a brief message on reaching Moscow, made specific mention of the Vietnam elections under the terms of the Geneva treaty agreement.—United Press.

CAN NOW LEAVE

London, July 12.

Mrs Phyllis Sispera, British-born bride, has received her travel documents to return to Britain from Prague with her three children, the Foreign Office announced tonight.

She hopes to leave Prague by the end of this week.—China Mail Special.

Must Pay
Awarded
Damages

Privy Council's
Judgment

London, July 12.

The Judicial Committee of the Privy Council today affirmed an order for £17,000 damages against Lim Joo-chang of Singapore, with the deletion of \$350 awarded as costs of administration.

The damages were awarded by the Singapore High Court in October, 1952, to the widow of a 40-year-old trishaw driver killed after being in collision with a car driven by Lim. Lim had appealed against the award as being excessive.

The trishaw driver, Chia Boon-poh, was killed after the collision in Geyland Road near Singapore in June, 1951. Lim in his defence admitted liability but appealed to the Singapore Appeal Court over the amount of the damages. The appeal was dismissed in January, 1953.

Giving the judgment of the Privy Council in the case, Lord Somervell of Harrow said the evidence of the widow, Lim Siew-choo, was that she received from her husband \$8 per day to run the home.

The appellant submitted that there fell to be deducted from this a sum of \$100 per month, the profits of a coffee stall which had been run by the wife. It was suggested that these profits were handed over by the wife to her husband and were therefore part of the \$8 handed to her. As she could continue to run the coffee stall as her own, the \$8, it was said, should be reduced to about \$5.

But there was no suggestion in the notes of evidence that this sum from the coffee stall was handed over to the husband and handed back, remarked Lord Somervell.

POINT FALLS

Lim was asking their Lordships to interfere with current findings of fact in the Singapore courts which were plainly in accordance with the notes of evidence. The point failed.

Their Lordships were satisfied that there was evidence as to the husband's expectation of working life which justified the sum awarded. The order made in Singapore would be affirmed except for the deletion of \$350 which had been awarded as costs of administration.

"This minor error will not affect costs," Lord Somervell said. "This appellant will pay the costs of the appeal for which in their Lordships' opinion there was no justification."

Reuter.

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MURDERESS DUE
TO DIE TODAY

Still She
Seeks No
Reprieve

London, July 12.

Ruth Ellis, beautiful 28-year-old ash blonde murderess, waited calmly in the condemned cell of a woman's prison here tonight for the hangman to claim her in a few hours.

She was surrounded by 'bouquets of flowers sent to her by friends and well-wishers who were frantically organising 11th hour attempts to save her life.

But neither flowers nor appeals seemed to break down her will to die on the gallows. Relations and friends who visited the cell today found her still smiling and unafraid.

Outside the prison hundreds of people read an official notice fixed to the gates. It said: "The sentence of the law passed upon Ruth Ellis found guilty of murder will be carried into execution at 9 a.m. tomorrow."

Since she emptied a revolver into a fit of jealous passion into the face of her faithless lover, David Blakely, 25-year-old racing motorist, Mrs Ellis has not lifted a finger to help herself.

WRITES TO FRIEND

Yesterday from the grim Holloway Prison she wrote to a man friend saying "No doubt you have heard I do not want to live. You may find this hard to believe but that is what I want."

Several members of Parliament were tonight arranging a deputation to plead for her life with the Home Secretary, Mr. Gwilym Lloyd George, who yesterday announced there would be no reprieve for the former night club girl.

Petitions containing thousands of signatures and hundreds of telegrams have flooded into the Home Office asking mercy for Mrs Ellis.

On her last day of life the condemned woman—mother of two children—was allowed to see relatives and friends.

Her mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Neilson, were with her for 35 minutes. The mother, weeping, covered her face with a handkerchief as she left the prison.

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Among The Ladykillers



Seventeen-year-old Judy Verity—Miss Jamaica—meets some tough but friendly characters during a visit to Ealing Studios. She watched shooting of the new Michael Balcon comedy-thriller "The Ladykillers" and is pictured here chatting with Alec Guinness (right), and "gang members" Herbert Lom (extreme left), Danny Green and Peter Sellers. Judy, the model from Kingston, Jamaica, won a trip to Britain and a Rank screen test as prizes in the Miss Jamaica competition.—Ruterphoto.

DUKE PRESENTS
RAF STANDARD
VISITS NATO BASE

Bonn, July 12.

The Duke of Edinburgh, visiting the NATO air base at Oldenburg, today climbed into the cockpit of a Royal Air Force Hawker Hunter jet fighter and fired a burst from its four 30 millimetre cannons.

Earlier in the day he landed here in his four-engine Heron aircraft to present a standard to the Royal Air Force's No. 26 Fighter Squadron to mark its 25th anniversary.

The Duke flew from Lucerne, 100 miles east of here, where he had spent a day with the Eighth King's Royal Irish Hussars of which he is Colonel-in-Chief.

GREETED BY ENVOY

He removed his pilot's helmet and donned a jacket to emerge from the plane in the uniform of a Marshal of the Royal Air Force.

The Duke was greeted by the British Ambassador, Sir Frederick Hoyer Millar, Air Marshal Sir Harry Broadhurst, Commander-in-Chief of the Second Allied Tactical Air Force, and other high officers.

After taking coffee in the flying control building he put on the star and blue sash of the Order of the Garter and drove to the nearby parade ground in a Land Rover.

Seven of the latest Hawker Hunter jets lined one side of the parade ground, where No. 26 Squadron and No. 14 and 20 Squadrons, which also occupy the base, were drawn up. No. 26 Squadron was the second in Germany to receive the Hawker Hunters.

The Duke's standard was hoisted from a flag pole as he arrived to be greeted with a royal salute.

The band played light music as the Duke inspected the parade.

After the light blue and gold standard had been unsheathed and laid on three piled drums, the Assistant Chaplain-in-Chief, the Rev. G. W. N. Groves, consecrated it.

The Duke emphasised in a short speech that the standard

was the personal gift of the Queen.

"Although you may not take it into battle with you it is a recognition that fighter squadrons are the teeth and claws of the Royal Air Force," the Duke said.

Several hundred wives and families of Air Force men and German employees watched the parade. Later the Duke was introduced to local German officials.—Ruter.

NATIVE
DIED OF
FRIGHT

Capetown, July 12.

An African convicted last year of witchcraft murder, has died from no apparent cause other than fright.

He was sentenced to death, but the sentence was later commuted to 15 years imprisonment.

When he was working in Mbabane, Swaziland, he made a dash for freedom and managed to cross the Mbabane river.

A wanderer shouted to him to stop, and as he took no notice, fired at his feet.

The fugitive showed no sign of having been hit, but stopped running and remained standing until he was reached by the wanderer and others. He was handcuffed and put in a wagon to be brought back to jail. He died on the way.

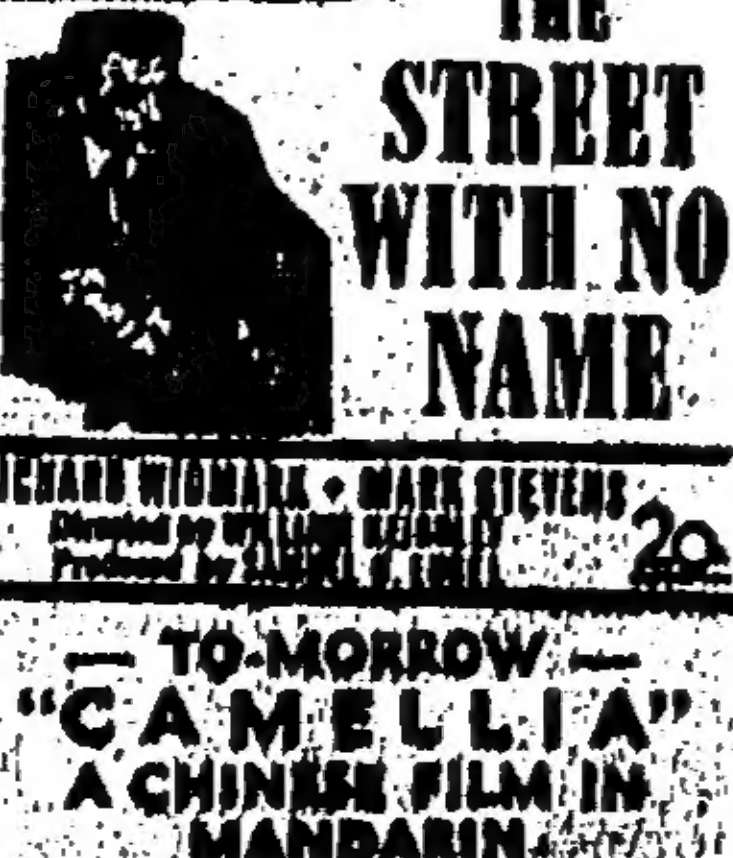
No sign of any bullet was found in his body, not any trace of his having been hit. His heart just stopped.—France-Press.

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HELD OVER BY
PUBLIC DEMAND

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Faure Has A Plan
For Geneva
EDEN WILL RAISE
EAST—WEST
TRADE PROBLEM

Paris, July 12.

Western experts making final preparations for Geneva reported to the North Atlantic Council today and will report to the Big Three Foreign Ministers on Friday.

NATO permanent representatives are thus able to give their governments time for detailed study of Western intentions before Saturday's full meeting of the Atlantic Council.

The French Premier, M. Edgar Faure, spent today working on his own Geneva projects and will give a press conference tomorrow (1500 GMT) accompanied by M. Antoine Pinay, his Foreign Minister.

FAURE'S IDEAS

M. Faure's ideas, according to usually well-informed sources, include:

1. A Great Power undertaking to reduce armaments and put the money saved into a fund for aid to underdeveloped countries.

M. Faure is understood to believe this would make disarmament more acceptable being constructive instead of purely negative. "It would also, he thinks, help to ensure that arms cuts are carried out as the nations would have to pay an agreed amount into the international 'reconversion fund'."

The fund could also offset slump tendencies caused by the sudden arms cuts.

2. Some collective security arrangement perhaps with check points on both sides of the Iron Curtain to prevent surprise attack.

3. Freer East-West flow of goods, tourists and "ideas."

M. Faure leaves by air for Geneva on Saturday.

The French Ambassador, M. Louis Joxe, returned to Moscow from Paris today to be there for the Bastille Day reception at the French Embassy on Thursday.

Diplomatic observers believe this may be regarded by the Soviet leaders as a suitable occasion to give a last-minute review of their Geneva ideas.—Ruter.

London, July 12.

British Premier Sir Anthony Eden will raise the problem of East-West trade at the Big Four conference in Geneva, well-informed British sources disclosed today.

In agreement with the United States and within the framework of an overall move to remove the causes of friction between East and West, the British delegate may offer Russia the removal of the Western embargo on exports of important strategic products to Communist countries in Eastern Europe.

One of the concessions which the West may offer is the dissolution of the "COCOM" or the Committee of Co-ordination of Western Powers (NATO countries including Federal Germany plus Japan) which controls the strategic embargo at its Paris headquarters, although Soviet officials have shown some indifference to the strategic controls, the Western Powers have good reasons to believe that the economic balance of the Communist coun-

tries is at present threatened, and at least constitutes a source of serious irritation for Russia, which is called on to supply certain strategic materials such as rare metals and electrical generators both to these countries and to Communist China.

Perhaps the best indication of the desire of Russia to have the embargo removed lies in the extent of the contraband in strategic goods across the Iron Curtain.

Evidence of the contrary traffic can be seen from frequent prosecutions conducted by Britain and by other member countries of "COCOM" against persons and firms participating in the traffic.—France-Press.

Hunger Strike
For Imprisoned
Dutchmen

The Hague, July 12.

The physician of P. H. Tuijnburg, a resident of The Hague who is on hunger strike as a protest against alleged ill-treatment of 22 Netherlands prisoners accused of subversive activity in Indonesia, today refused to take any further responsibility for the health of his patient, who has now had no food for 12 days.

Tuijnburg, who began his fast on July 1, today stated that he intended to keep it up until July 21, when, he said, he felt he would have done his duty for the imprisoned men.

The complete indifference of the Indonesian authorities to Tuijnburg's gesture may have somewhat influenced his original decision, which was to starve until the prisoners obtained better conditions.—France-Press.

Empty Thrones

Rio de Janeiro, July 12.

Four empty thrones, bearing the coats of arms of four Roman Catholic cardinals imprisoned in Communist countries, will be placed among the thrones of 18 other cardinals during the International Eucharistic Congress here next week.

Fellow countrymen of the imprisoned cardinals will keep the vacant thrones tended with fresh flowers.

The four cardinals Josef Mindszenty of Hungary, Thomas Tien of China, Luis Slomkowski of Yugoslavia, and Stefan Wyszyński of Poland.—China Mail Special.

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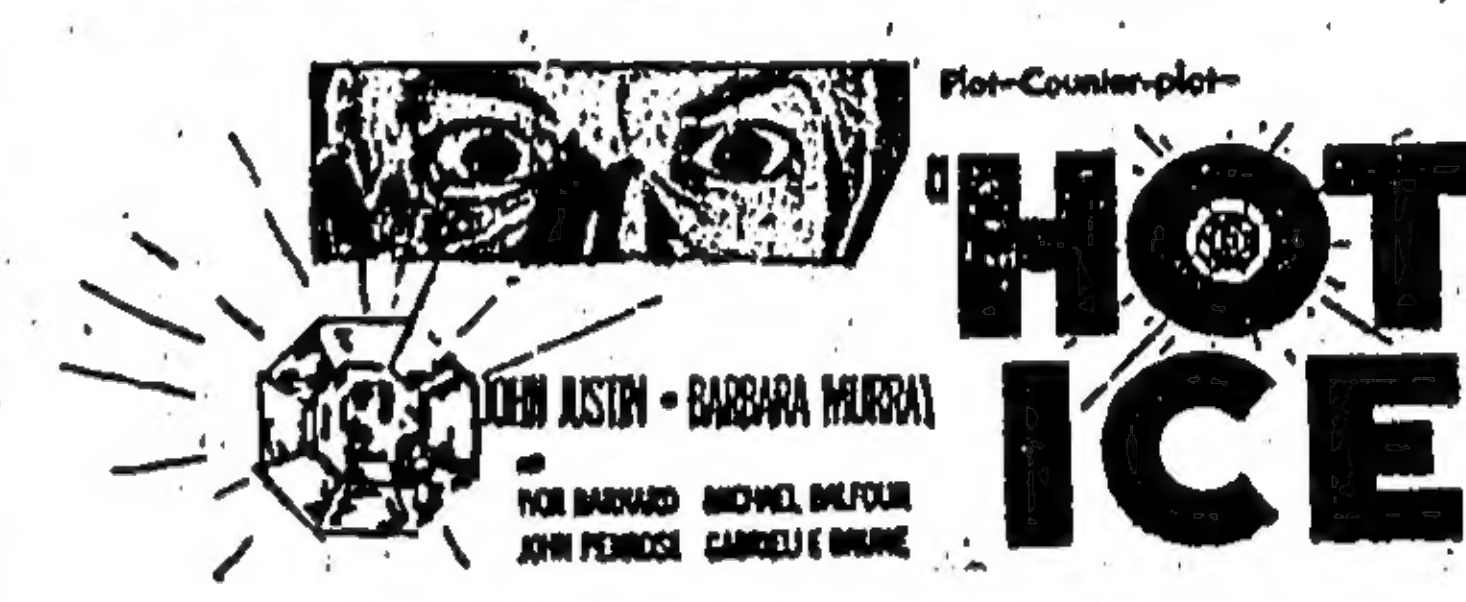
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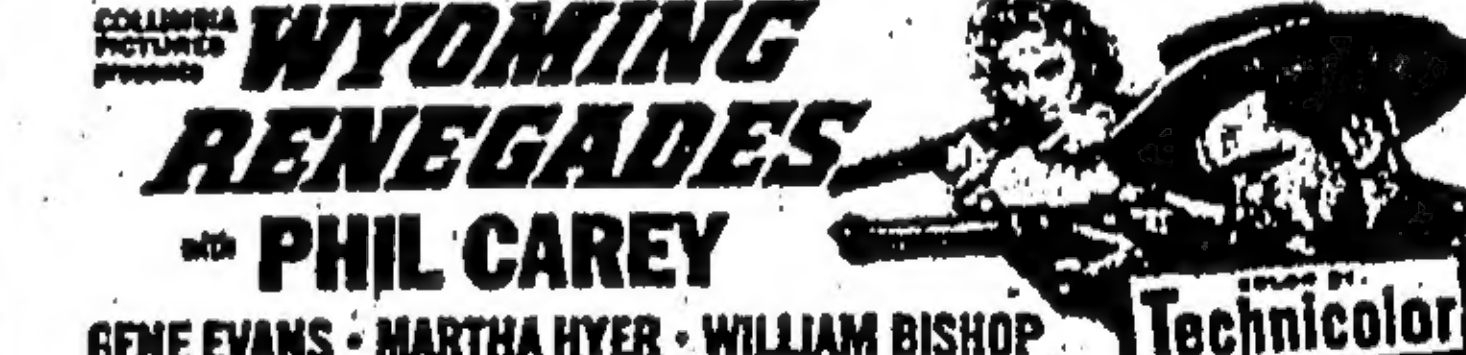
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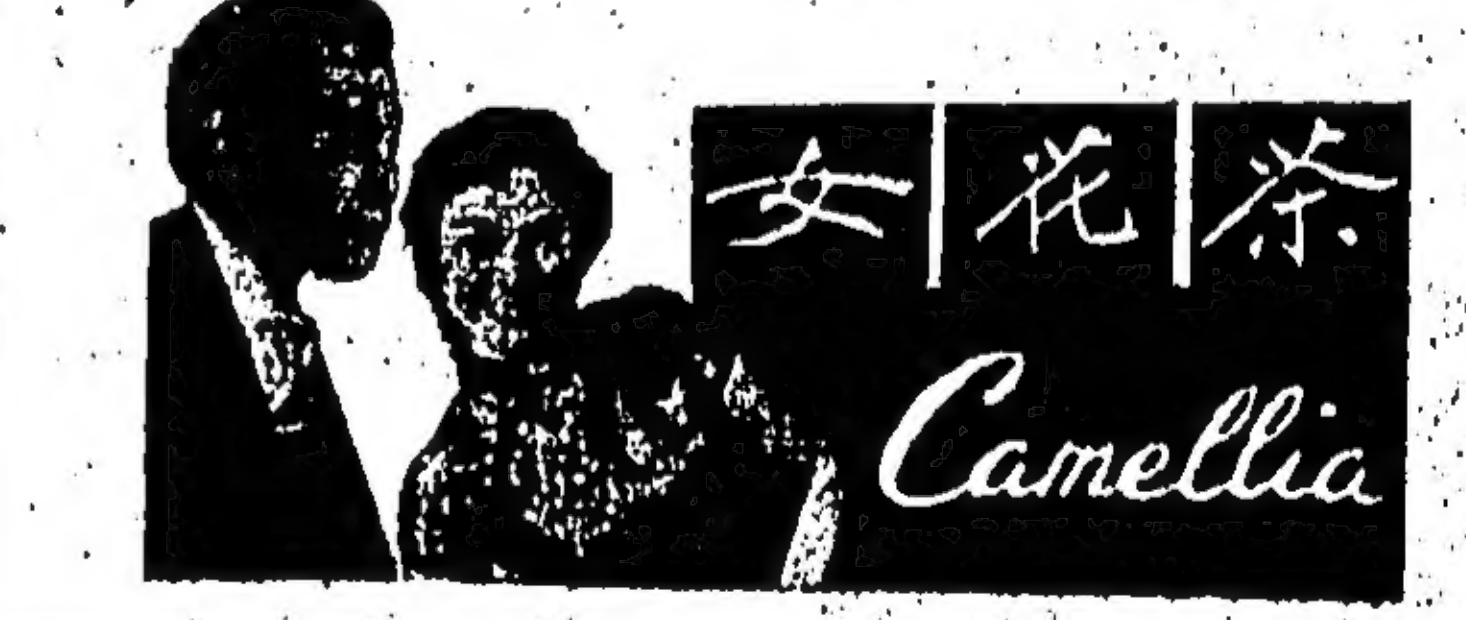
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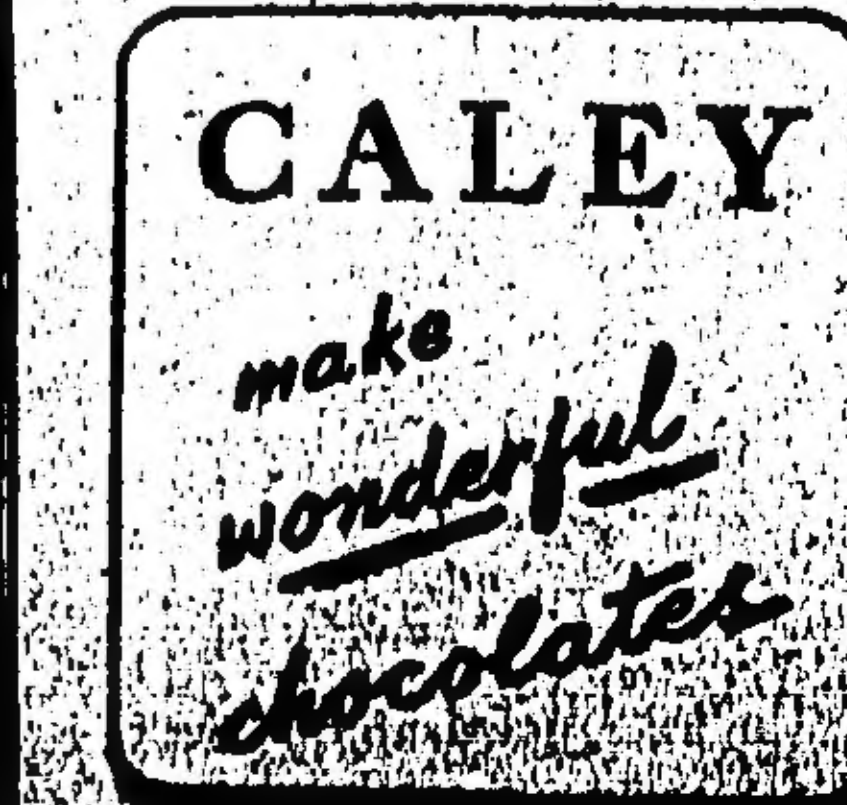
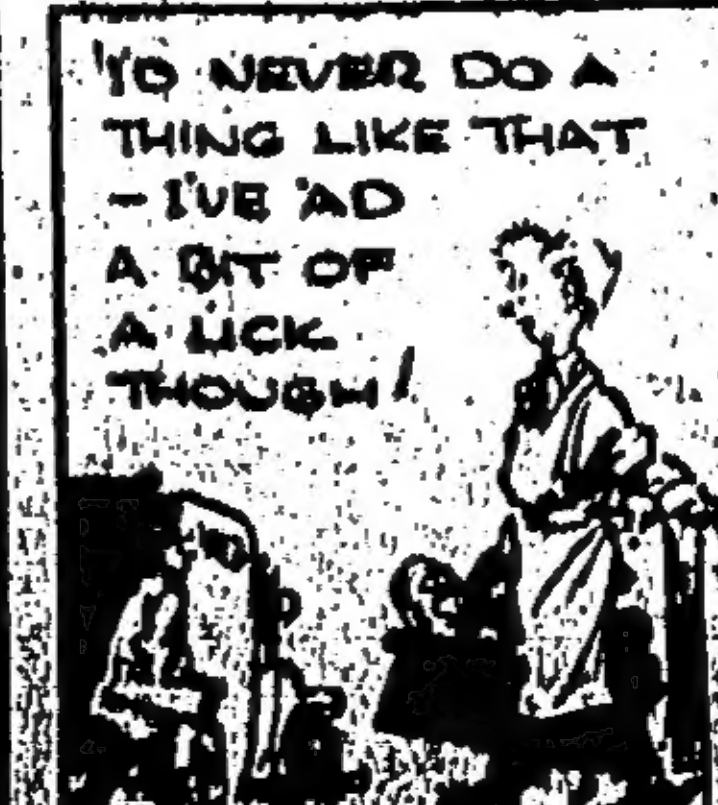


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SABRES FOR S. AFRICA

Johannesburg, July 12. South Africa's Fighter Command will be completely re-equipped with ultra-modern Canadian-built Sabre-Jet fighters, starting next April, the South African Air Force headquarters announced in a communiqué made public in Pretoria today.

An advance order for planes to equip two squadrons has been placed with the Canadian Corporation, the communiqué said. In an interview, held today, the Air Force Chief-of-Staff, Brigadier-General Melville, said the order is part of a plan to equip the whole Air Force with ultra-modern high-speed planes. —France-Press.

INTIMATE LETTERS SOLD

London, July 12. Confidential court gossip and other intimate letters of the times of Elizabeth I from the New York collection of the late Mr. Andre de Coppel have been auctioned in London for a total of £21,150 sterling.

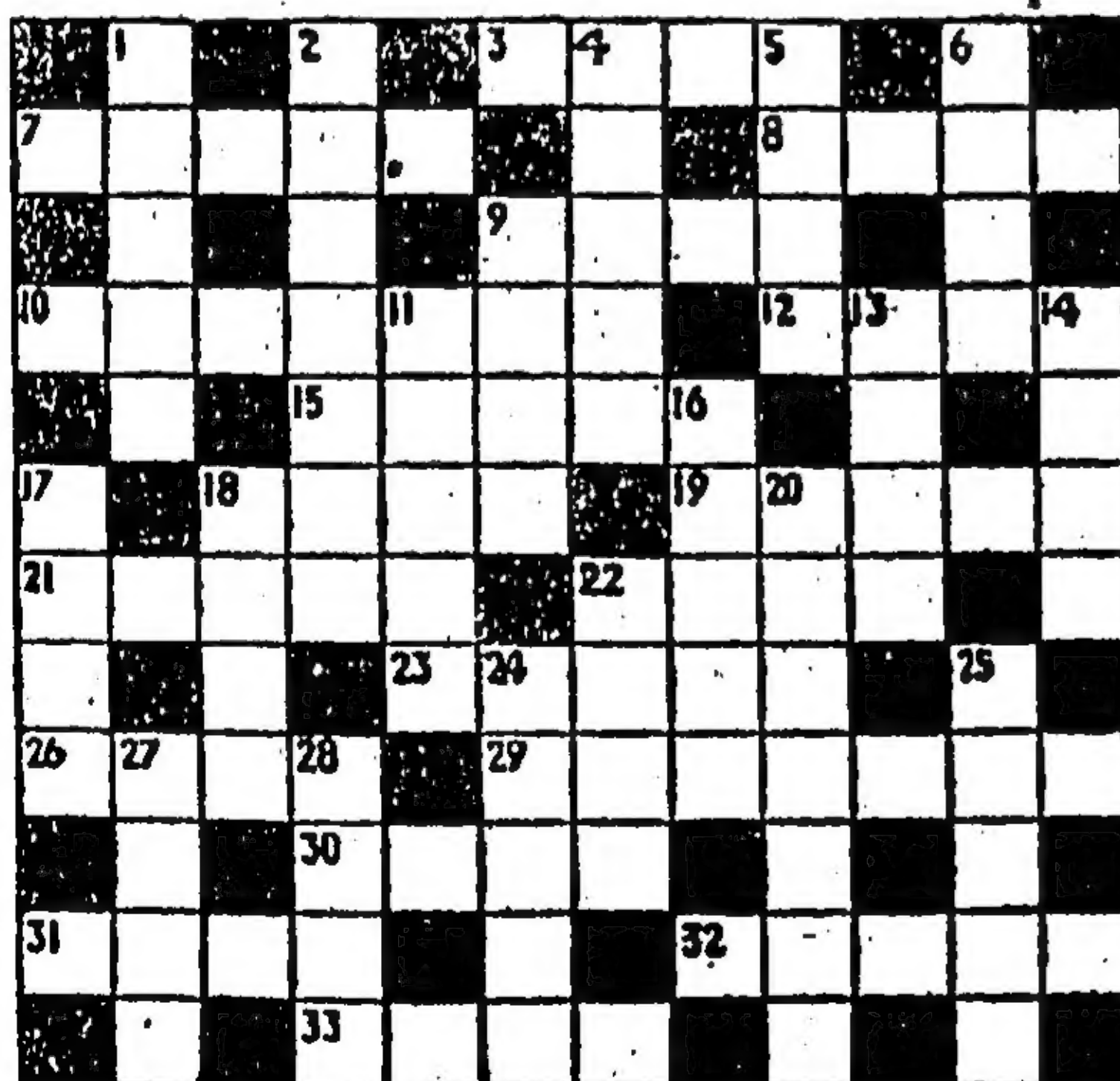
The whole series of several hundred letters originating from the Bagot family of Staffordshire are known as the Bagot papers.

One lot which by Richard Harot, Sheriff and Deputy Lieutenant of Staffordshire, to his sons, discusses the Queen's relations with her favourite, the Earl of Essex, whom she later had executed. Other lots by the Queen's advisers deal with money troubles of Government leaders, religious problems of the period, family squabbles in the Bagot family, the workings of the Privy Council and other more formal documents giving a full and detailed picture of the Elizabethan Administration.

SPLIT UP
They were split up into lots for auction and were mostly bought by dealers. Other items in the De Coppel collection included a letter written in French by Charles I as a boy of 19 which went for £100 sterling, and another in French by Elizabeth I to Henry IV of France on the subject of a religious mission, which went for £280 sterling. A letter from Sir Francis Drake in 1588 two months after he had defeated the Spanish Armada to his colleague, Sir John Hawkins, went for £190 sterling.

The Archives Nationales of France gave £50 sterling for a series of letters concerning Elizabeth I and Mary Queen of Scots written to Catherine de Medici by the French Ambassador in England. —China Mail Special.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 3 Impartial (4).
- 7 Kind of cabbage (5).
- 8 Extinct (4).
- 9 Place for seating (4).
- 10 Well-bred (7).
- 12 Tale of heroism (4).
- 15 Command (5).
- 16 Belonging to us (4).
- 18 Seem (5).
- 21 Accustom (5).
- 22 Asset (4).
- 23 Has a meal (5).
- 26 Grain (4).
- 29 Inhabitant (7).
- 30 Ship's company (4).
- 31 Stupor (4).
- 32 Dury (5).
- 33 Flower (4).

DOWN

- 1 Refuge (5).
- 2 Outline (7).
- 4 Active (5).
- 5 Liberator (4).
- 6 Military head-dress (4).
- 9 Communist (4).
- 11 Went wrong (5).
- 13 Impoverished (4).
- 14 Stuff (4).
- 16 Bird (5).
- 17 Bathing-place (4).
- 18 Evict (4).
- 20 Gives up office (7).
- 22 Afresh (4).
- 24 Notions (5).
- 25 Continued fight (5).
- 27 Eager (4).
- 28 Bleat (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1 School, 7 Oboe, 9 Pumps, 10 Teat, 11 Sand, 13 Recollects, 15 Atom, 16 Mean, 18 Barristers, 22 Team, 24 Stern, 25 Alike, 26 Open, 27 Havers, 29 Down, 30 Comic, 31 Counsel, 32 Lift, 33 Consistent, 34 Tor, 35 Boat, 36 Damps, 37 Remit, 38 Ornament, 39 Abate, 40 Branch, 41 Slays, 42 Exile, 43 Easy.

Disregard Of Asians' Rights INDIAN ENVOY'S VIEWS

Washington, July 12.

Mr G. L. Mehta, India's Ambassador, said today that disregard of the rights of Asians was the greatest danger to the peace of the world.

Mr Mehta, in a speech prepared for delivery to the conference on American foreign policy at Colgate University in Hamilton, New York, said:

"Peace and freedom are interdependent in Asia as elsewhere.

CHOOSE FREELY

"All nations should have the right freely to choose their own political and economic systems and their way of life in conformity with the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations.

"The greatest danger to peace today is that the rights of the Asian people should be disregarded and they should be denied an equal and respected place in the community of nations."

This, he said, involved not merely the problem of colonialism, but also a sharing of common aspirations and objectives and a recognition of equality of status of Asian countries.

"The politics and practices of racial segregation and discrimination, which form the basis of government and social relations in large regions of Africa and other parts of the world, also constitute a menace to peace whose magnitude is not

Russo-Austrian Agreement Implemented

Moscow, July 12.

Austria and Russia today took the first step to implement the Austrian State Treaty by signing two agreements on compensation to be paid by Austria to Russia.

The first agreement provides for Austrian goods valued at \$150 million (about \$53,571,428) to be paid to Russia for former German assets taken over by the Russians in Austria.

The second agreement covers deliveries of crude oil to the Soviet Union in exchange for handing over to Austria Soviet-owned refineries in Austria. —China Mail Special.

"Peace and freedom are interdependent in Asia as elsewhere. adequately realised today," Mr Mehta added.

"Peace and stability in Asia depend not only on achieving of national independence but also on social and economic development.

"Democratic government can survive if it provides them with means of livelihood and employment as well as a steadily increasing standard of life.

"Any political system in Asia will be judged by the economic benefits that it provides."

Mr Mehta said that economic aid from the United Nations and more advanced countries to Asia since the Second World War had been valuable, though it was not always adequate or effectively utilised.

"But apart from the quantum of aid, it is its conception that matters and the conception should be one of partnership in an enterprise of freedom," he said.

MILITARY MEASURES
"Military measures do not meet the fundamental needs of the people in Asia because no government can survive unless it is based on the goodwill of the people and unless the elementary necessities of life are ensured to the people.

"Military measures frequently lead to the maintenance of the status quo and though their objectives are defensive they tend to create suspicion, distrust and fear.

"While such measures cannot be completely avoided, priority as between economic and military measures should be for ways of economic amelioration which would develop in initiative of the people and generate their enthusiasm." —Reuter.

Proposals For Anglo-Russian Aviation Agreement

London, July 12.

A tie-up between British European Airways and Aeroflot, the Soviet airline, to operate jointly a London-Moscow direct service may shortly be discussed between the two companies following expressions of agreement in principle by both sides.

In Moscow, Lieutenant-General Nikita Zakharov, Deputy Director of Aeroflot, said that his company would like to establish such a link with BEA, but a quick decision would have to be made as other airlines were also eager to arrange a service with the co-operation of Aeroflot from other Western European companies.

"We have been exchanging correspondence with BEA on this matter for about a year," General Zakharov said, "and have recently sent them another letter asking: Do you want to establish a direct line or not because there are other people waiting."

"We would like to do business with BEA," he told reporters at a diplomatic reception.

ENCOURAGING

In London a spokesman for British European Airways described General Zakharov's statement as "an encouraging sign."

As a long term policy, BEA plans eventually to operate a service between London and Moscow, with its own aircraft but this cannot be done until the British and Soviet governments have agreed on certain formalities.

The spokesman added: "In the meantime we are pressing for an interim agreement. We have been in correspondence with Aeroflot for some time and have pressed Aeroflot to discuss an agreement, but through no fault of ours this has not yet come about." —China Mail Special.



British born Mrs Fylylla Sispara who is to be allowed to return to England soon with her three children vanished from her Prague home. She had been taken to an unknown address by Czech authorities for interrogation, but later returned to her home in Prague. This news was announced in the House of Commons by Mr Anthony Nutting, British Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, who said that the Czech Ambassador in London had been warned that delaying action is likely to impair friendly relations between the two countries. Mrs Sispara and her husband Czech born Jaroslav Sispara were arrested when they tried to flee to the West from Czechoslovakia. She had been sentenced to 12 months imprisonment and he to 12 years and their children were taken away from her. It was recently announced that she was being released so that she could return home. Mrs Sispara divorced her husband last year. —Express Photo.

SOCIALIST CONFERENCE

Europeans Warned Of The East

London, July 12.

European socialists were today warned that Europe is not the whole world and that "beyond your horizons across two continents live hundreds of millions who suffer from want of freedom and liberty."

Mr Wijono, Secretary of the Asian Socialist Conference, in a fraternal address to the Congress of the Socialist International meeting here, appealed to European socialists to play an effective role "in the fight against colonialism" and so line up with the Asian Socialist Conference.

"The two major factors which may prove a stumbling block in the way of the functional, intellectual and emotional unity between our two organisations are the approach to world politics and the question of freedom of the dependent peoples," he said.

ULTIMATE IDEALS

"This three-fold unity, if merely based upon ultimate ideals without reference to immediate needs will lead us nowhere," he added.

The French Socialist leader, M. Guy Mollet, suggested to Socialists of 30 countries that the Great Powers' talks in Geneva next week should concentrate on disarmament and mutual aid.

He said that such emphasis as he had suggested for the Geneva talks would evoke an echo among all peoples who might otherwise be misled about Socialist aims.

M. Mollet joined in the speculation of almost every speaker during the session about the reasons for the recent change in Russian attitude.

M. Mollet said disarmament to be effective must be "general and controlled" and that mutual aid must be "with" underdeveloped countries and not "to" them to avoid any paternal attitude.

The former British Prime Minister, Mr Clement Attlee, who opened the discussion, told the 116 delegates that Socialist principles were unchanged but must be applied in the context of the hydrogen bomb: "Eminent scientists have recently confirmed that war is outdated," he said. "A major war would destroy civilisation, if not the human race."

"One great question is: would the Communists accept the toleration which is implied by co-existence?"

He said there had been much thawing of the cold war recently and this would continue "if we can get the Communists to accept the idea that people are entitled to live their own lives without interference."

EAST AND WEST

Mr Attlee added: "This applies to East as well as West Germany. We had a similar attitude in the past. Remember, the British the right which we have given to the people of East Germany. Remember, the British the right which we have given to the people of East Germany." —China Mail Special.

Young Driver In Accident

San Francisco, July 12. Jimmy Callegas took his father's car without permission yesterday, went for a short drive down a hill, his another vehicle causing \$100 damage, escaped injury—but was not arrested by investigating officers because he is only two years old. —China Mail Special.

Heat Stops Canal Traffic

The Hague, July 12. Exceptional heat caused a boat traffic jam on Amsterdam's famous canals today. The heat swelled the iron railings of the canal drawbridges, which could not be opened to permit boats to pass under. Blowtorches were finally used to open the bridges. —France-Press.

CATHERINE PARR'S DESCENDANT DEAD

Best-Selling Novelist

Newton Abbot, Devonshire, July 12.

Best-selling novelist, Beatrice Chase, who last October was removed from her thatched cottage in Dartmoor as "an aged person in need of care," has died here just two days before her 81st birthday.

The crotchety old lady, a descendant of Catherine Parr, the last of Henry VIII's wives, won worldwide fame with her books about the wild moors she loved so much.

Two of her novels "Through a Dartmoor Window" and "The Heart of the Moor" brought her a considerable income, but she preferred a hermit-like existence in a brick-a-brac, stuffed, 16th century cottage in the village of Venton.

AGAINST WILL

Last year, local authorities decided she was too old to live alone and look after herself. Against her will, she was moved from the house she had lived in for 50 years, to Barnstable Hospital.

She had settled in the cottage at the age of 30 to recuperate from an attack of tuberculosis. When her health returned, she took a nun's vows of chastity and promise she would never leave her Dartmoor home.

Since the death of her mother, Miss Chase—her real name was Olive Katherine Parr—had lived alone, except for the dozen of cats which filled the dusty nooks and prowl among the old lady's family treasures.

Villagers called her the "Lady of the Moor" and some were a little afraid of the eccentric figure in her long black dress and white dust cap. Miss Chase had taken pains to learn how to use a revolver and she was a crack shot.

At a young woman she had worked in London's slums and in the grim prisons and workhouses. Once she befriended a murderer and mothered him when he was free. A pious Catholic, she transferred an oak-tipped beam

near her cottage into a private chapel glowing with stained-glass windows. It attracted thousands of visitors yearly.

With Cardinal Vaughan she also organised the Catholic children's crusade. During the First World War she founded the crusade of the White Knights and Ladies and revived it just after the last war.

She asked men and women to send her their names with a declaration "to be true to honour." She inscribed their names in the olive-wood book which always lay at the foot of the altar in her chapel. The banner of the crusade hung on a wall with its motto: "Hold Honour, Shun Shame."

A lively woman, who tapped her way about the cottage with a walking stick, she told reporters on her 80th birthday last year: "I have a dash of Tudor blood in my veins and this probably accounts for my bad temper."

BLONDE HAIR

"Like myself, the original Catherine Parr had blonde hair so no doubt King Henry VIII preferred blondes."

When last autumn the authorities moved her, under the National Assistance Act of 1948 which provides for the care of sick old people left on their own, Miss Chase angrily consulted her lawyer and was taking steps to approach the Home Secretary and friends in Parliament. But three weeks later the hospital relaxed and decided that she was well enough to go home. —China Mail Special.

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NATHANIEL GUBBINS

NOW it has been revealed that many thousands of refugees arriving in Western Germany from the Soviet zone are not running away from the Russians but from their wives, we can take a new look at the history of the British Empire.

Foreigners have often wondered why the people of Great Britain have spread themselves over the world. To foreigners we do not appear to be more reckless or more adventurous than anybody else.

Some have thought that Englishmen have fled their native land because of the weather, or because of past unemployment, or (in the case of the upper classes) because some toothy, flat-footed girl in a tweed had refused to marry them.

We can now see it is possible that these unhappy chaps fought their way through swamps and virgin forests, swam rivers, and sailed the seven seas not because their offers of marriage had been turned down but because they had been accepted.

Many a tiger in the jungle may have been killed not because the hunter had been killed but because it looked too much like the hunter's English wife in a bad temper.

Therefore, those who are wearing hats this Sunday morning, even the eccentric ones who are wearing them in bed, should now raise them reverently to the frightening little women of England.

But for their babbling tongues, their shepherd's plies and their riddles the people of Canada, Australia, and New Zealand might be speaking a foreign language today. India might never have been won and lost, China might never have seen the red faces of foreign (English) devils, and Darkest Africa might still be dark, and much happier.

You may go to sleep again now.

Oh, Rats!

ACCORDING to one of my American newspapers a Dr Schenke has been trying to prove once more that we are what we eat.

While rats descended from the same stock were used for the experiment, the luckiest

rats being those selected to live on a French diet.

From childhood they were fed on French food such as potatoes, rich meats with succulent sauces, and salads drenched with fine dressings.

The rats grew up round-bellied and amiable, ate their meals with careful appreciation, and showed marked excitability in the presence of female rats.

Rats fed on the Russian peasant's diet of black bread and cabbage soup became morose and antisocial. Rats fed on a Japanese diet of raw fish, rice, and crabs grew up small and energetic.

Others fed on a typical American diet of rare steaks and ice-cream became big, cheerful rats who, to quote Dr Schenke, "were depressed only when they were kept in small, confined quarters. They seemed to want to go places." If he had provided a dance band they would probably have gone places with red-hot mornina rats.

The learned doctor's biggest surprise was a heavy, stocky rat with rough hair and bristling whiskers who was "ready to fight at the drop of a hat."

This unhappy creature had been fed on a typical English manual worker's diet of white bread and jam, boiled beef, boiled mutton, boiled vegetables, and tea. It seemed full of grievances and was in a permanent bad temper.

If it had belonged to a union it would probably have been on strike.

Dream Girl

IN a further attempt to transport you for a while from the anxious present to the carefree past I continue my small saga of holidays long ago. The scene is the same as last time, Margate and Cliftonville, but as nine years have elapsed what made a little boy happy is not good enough for a youth of 17.

The Margate that was his paradise is now considered rather vulgar and the respectable Cliftonville that was his heaven full of handsome, amusing young men and beautiful girls.

At 17 you took your holidays at a gulp. You caught an early train, walked fast to your boarding house (no money to spare for cabs or even trams), and before lunch you were in your "whites."

The "whites" in my case were yellowing flannel trousers shrunk in the wash and a blazer

that was growing loose. The whites were intended to kill the girls, particularly one in the next boarding house who wore a striped cotton frock and a wide straw hat decorated with artificial wheat sheaves, poppies, and cornflowers.

She was probably quite an ordinary girl but to Shrunken Whites she seemed too lovely even to look at except with furtive, sidelong glances.

At that time a man of 17 was a bit of a dog if he could inhale cigarette smoke without choking and blow smoke rings.

One afternoon the Dream Girl in her wide straw hat was sitting in a deck-chair listening to a concert. There were several empty seats to be had, but instead of taking the one next to her nervous Shrunken Whites spent his sixpence on a chair two seats away.

There he inhaled one cigarette after another and blew his smoke rings to no purpose at all, for the Dream Girl took no notice of anybody until a witty, wide-shouldered young man came along, sat beside her and displayed a technique entirely new to Shrunken Whites. The young man pretended to eat the artificial wheat sheaves on the Dream Girl's hat.

From then on, Shrunken Whites' holiday paradise became a purgatory. He knew he could never remember any music-hall

gags, never find the courage to eat the Dream Girl's artificial wheat sheaves, never even say "Good evening" to a girl who was too sophisticated to care about smoke rings.

But at least he could make his shoulders as wide as his rival's.

That was why he appeared round the bandstand the next evening with the shoulders of his blazer stuffed with handkerchiefs, and got his biggest laugh, not only from the Dream Girl, but from everybody else.

I Love You (Fortissimo)

I AM indebted to Time Magazine for the information that 31-year-old Gloria Vanderbilt has written her first book of poems.

Gloria's publishers say that the poems are her own personal, poignant expressions of a mood. Gloria told an interviewer that they are all "serene and raging, unique and true, tender and thunderous."

As they are personal experiences, "tender and thunderous" sounds like a girl trying to tell a deaf man of her love. But even if Gloria did marry 73-year-old Leopold Stokowski, there is no evidence that he was deaf at the time.

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The Shuck Dog

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THE lorry swayed, the birds swooped over another boundary. "You now," said Sam, "you said nothing must interfere with the farm work."

AT one period of my life I chucked the complicated ideas of an "intellectual" or deskman, for the single idea of farming, or plow-man (I preferred the old spelling). Previous to this I had made a name as a writer of fiction

(based on fact) about animals.

The change-over period was pretty worrying like sailing a small boat in an unknown sea with cross-currents. This little story about Rover, a red setter, will, I think, fairly illustrate the muddle and confusion of that period. Before the physical body was "broken-in to hard graft," as Jimmy the stockman called labouring work.

I set out with my brother-in-law Sam, one driving lorry and trailer, the other motorcar and caravan, to farm 240 acres of more or less derelict land on the North Norfolk coast. Sam was even more ignorant than myself.

A criticism

Also, he had no capital. Very soon the differences in our outlook led to a criticism by me of nearly all Sam did. To show the sort of chap he was, he drove my three-carbonator sports car job holding the driving wheel with two hands like claws exactly at 12 o'clock. What would happen if a front tyre burst? How could he control the car at speed?

"If a front tyre burst at 40, the speed I go at, then all I can say is it deserves to burst."

"The tyre is sound."

"Then what are you worrying about?"

"A racing driver holds the wheel at twenty past eight, elbows well in, ready to grip in an emergency."

Wild birds

"I'm not a racing driver." I paid Sam £1 a week plus keep until such time as the farm made a profit, when we would go 50-50. With one week's wages he bought, believe it or not, a dog. It was a shooting dog, he explained.

He wanted to help me relax, and had I not often painted a glowing picture of ourselves living off the land? Well, there was a dog to retrieve the pheasants when we had shot them. Our farm was 240 acres, and full of wild birds—it had been used mainly as a sporting preserve, hence the woods, ever since the depression of 1923, fourteen years before.

Often, said Sam, I had said that we must have a shoot. And said to him, Why don't you use your initiative? Well, he had, and out of his own purse Rover was a beautiful dog, a red pedigree setter. "I have seen the pedigree," I absolutely guaranteed Rover," said Sam.

I knew Sam's "absolute guarantee." They were his own personal convictions. He had absolutely guaranteed the old lorry we had bought, after it had been reconditioned, and on taking delivery, I had found faulty brakes, did not start, a broken spring, etc. He had absolutely guaranteed

but why go on? I had tried to explain that a guarantee was purely a question of contract. And for whom was he working when he bought on my behalf? The fellow who had something to sell?

Sam replied testily: "If you are going to take everything I say literally, then that finally disposes of the matter."

"I do expect every word to be taken literally. What else are words for? To muffle facts?"

"You use them to pick holes in my character. I have nothing more to say." Sam lapsed into dignified silence.

First shoot

We had our first shoot, and a fiasco it was. I had left Sam to arrange the stands with Jimmy, the stockman, details of where we were to wait at every drive, behind concealing hedges, or in front of woods.

The beaters, crossing and stubble, would drive the birds over the line of guns, that was the idea. But something early went wrong.

The beaters came across a field of yellow sugar beet sure enough, but at right angles to the line of guns.

So, well out of gunshot, we watched coveys of partridges and pheasants in twos and threes clattering and rocketing away over the boundary.

He couldn't help what the birds did, Sam said. They had obviously wanted to go that way, so they had gone, and there the matter rested as far as he was concerned, said Sam.

The next drive was across a stubble field, from out of our Eight Acres wood, a large field judging by Devon standards, more than 20 acres. It was our best field, and we were mucking it before ploughing for winter wheat. And just as the birds began to leave the covert, before the tapping of the beaters in the wood, what should move between the edge of the wood and line of guns but the lorry, swaying with two tons of well-rotted bullock muck. The birds swerved, whizzing over another boundary.

"What the — Why the —"

"Now, now," said Sam, "I took you literally. You said, or rather yelled, that nothing must interfere with the farm work."

A tempest...

I wanted nothing out of the farm. I wanted to be free to travel like Somerset Maugham, to find new ideas and subjects, and out of literary earnings provide for the children's education. I had pictured myself returning from abroad at intervals, to enjoy the light of the "liver," model farm, in England.

Our next and last drive was distinguished by the behaviour of Sam's dog. When at last a hard came within gunshot, and the "guns" fired at it, all together, we were a lot of people. The howling dog (see away) across the boundary in the opposite direction from the hare.

"Yew was sucked in over that dorg," said the stockman to me later. It was some consolation to be called guv'nor after our series of fiascos. "What you dore' buyin' that dorg for? You wait till there come a tempest!"

They still used those old words in Norfolk. They didn't wear leggings or garters, they wore buskins. Jimmy explained that he had seen dogs like Rover flee tall-down at the first strike of lightning.

"I know that keeper what sold that dorg, guv'nor. He trained it with a stick instead of w' kindness. Now it be bruk, guv'nor. Y'all see it in a tempest, runnin' in the river, tearin' itself in barbed wire, o-roarin' and a-bawlin' like the Shuck Dorg."

by Henry Williamson



TARKA, THE OTTER (1927), which won him the Hawththorne Prize, remains Henry Williamson's most famous book, although he has consolidated his reputation with his series of English middle-class life on the character of Phillipa Middleton. Fox Under My Cloak is the latest contribution to this series.

As he explains here, Williamson used to farm in Norfolk, and the story of a Norfolk farm (1941) is based on this episode. Married, he now lives in Devon.

The Shuck Dog was a legendary ghost-hound that ran the Holkham Gap.

The setter used to come into the caravan and hold up a paw to be taken, while gazing sweetly into my eyes. If I did not take his paw it would whine—a nuisance of a dog. Rover, what a name! Shuck would have been more appropriate. I told Sam, "Or Guarantee! There it lay, paw in my left hand, sighing happily to sleep, while I sat at the plywood caravan table, pen in right hand, writing of the found joys of yeoman farming."

Family venture

To be candid, I knew that my manner and manners were all wrong towards poor old Sam. Had not this gentle fellow helped a family venture? The idea had been that I should put the farm in order writing at night to earn capital, working by day to lead the reclamations, and when it was done I was to leave Sam to run it for the family, sharing profits with them.

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That had been the dream, or conceit, and as winter of that year drew on, Sam, I noticed, began to study the "Situations Vacant" in his newspaper. He complained of headaches; he could not think, he said, in my presence. He said he could feel me thinking for him all the time. That was his explanation of why he had driven the lorry, which I had brought from Devon a week previously with a load of furniture under noops and green canvas hood, straight into its bay of the low cart shed as though hoops and furniture had not been behind him.

There was only six inches above the cab-top without those hoops, which were four feet taller.

"I could not help myself," said Sam. "I could feel you projecting the crash from your mind, and I felt helpless."

This was frightening for I had been anticipating the crash a few moments before it occurred. But then I knew Sam. Anyway, whatever the cause, it was a pretty bad situation; and when one Friday Sam announced that he had got a job elsewhere, I had to fight against feelings of desperation, fear and failure.

"In a way, I am rather sorry to be going," said Sam. "I feel I'm letting you down. Anyway, I shan't be able to take Rover with me, so you mind if I leave him with you?"

At this the setter looked up at me, a coy expression on his slitten snout, while its tail softly swept my feet.

A dozen cats

Already we had a dozen cats coming up to the caravan among the oaks and pines on the chalky hill above the village. They came from barn and even the woods, half-wild creatures with husky voices, lean flanks, and the distraught expressions of rat-killers. Sam had been feeding them.

They were moving in every-where, I was feeling in the box of tools under the caravan for an adjustable spanner—what Sam called a monkey-wrench and Jimmy a crew-hammer—one morning and was prepared for cold iron, but with a start drew back my hand from something very soft and hot.

All welcome, I could imagine the mother cat purring, as she touched my fingers with kitten-softness.

"I have a great sympathy for Rover's state of mind," said Sam. "I have tried to lead him into new ways, rather as they treat cases of nervous wreckage, to build them up again with new occupations."

He had trained the dog in carrying the old leather cartridge bag which had belonged to his father—a beautiful early Victorian hand-made job—from the caravan every lunch-hour for me to take the atrocious taste to use that "bag for sandwiches."

Rover used to run back to the caravan, take the bag, in his

mouth, and return to wherever Sam was working.

"Poor Rover," Sam said. "You've had a bad time, haven't you? Crouching down while yours went off six days a week in the season, 200 reports at this stand, 400 at that!—Rover had come from the great estate up the coast, where the annual bag was anything up to 6,000 wild pheasants. 'Like being under a Fossehandale barrage.'"

"Strange to hear you talking like that, Sam," I felt a sudden warm feeling for him.

"As a matter of fact, I got the idea from you." Then seeing my face, he burst out with "You'll never know I looked up to you, until I came here to work with you! All the time I was abroad, and utterly lonely—you had been in the war—I was too young for! And now— but I'll say no more."

A barrage

On the night Sam left we had a tempest on the North Norfolk coast. The lightning struck and burned violet all about the hill, the oaks under the terrific flashes seemed turned to stone. Rain fell like a barrage. I feared for the metal caravan. Rover, when I looked at him, began to whimper, before fleeing with a howl like aluminium sheeting torn across.

The next day I put some cartridges in the old-leather bag, and set out with Rover, gun under arm, I meant to bury him under an old tree. One of us had to go.

Rover followed obediently. When he touched my hand with his muzzle, I felt unhappy. When I got to the tree, I found I had left the cartridge bag in the caravan. Much relieved, I was about to go back when Rover, who had been watching my face turned and ran away.

That's settled it, I said to myself. I must put him down. As I walked back, he came running to me, cartridge bag in mouth. He let me take it, as a well-bred dog lets his master take a retrieved bird, gently, from his tender mouth.

Rover was a great favourite with the children, when they came from Devon. So was Uncle Sam when he visited us. Oddly enough it was ranked an "A" farm by then.

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DID IT REALLY HAPPEN?

YES NO

Put your tick in the space above and keep this panel by you until tomorrow when the answer will be given—with another story in this series by...

P. R. REID

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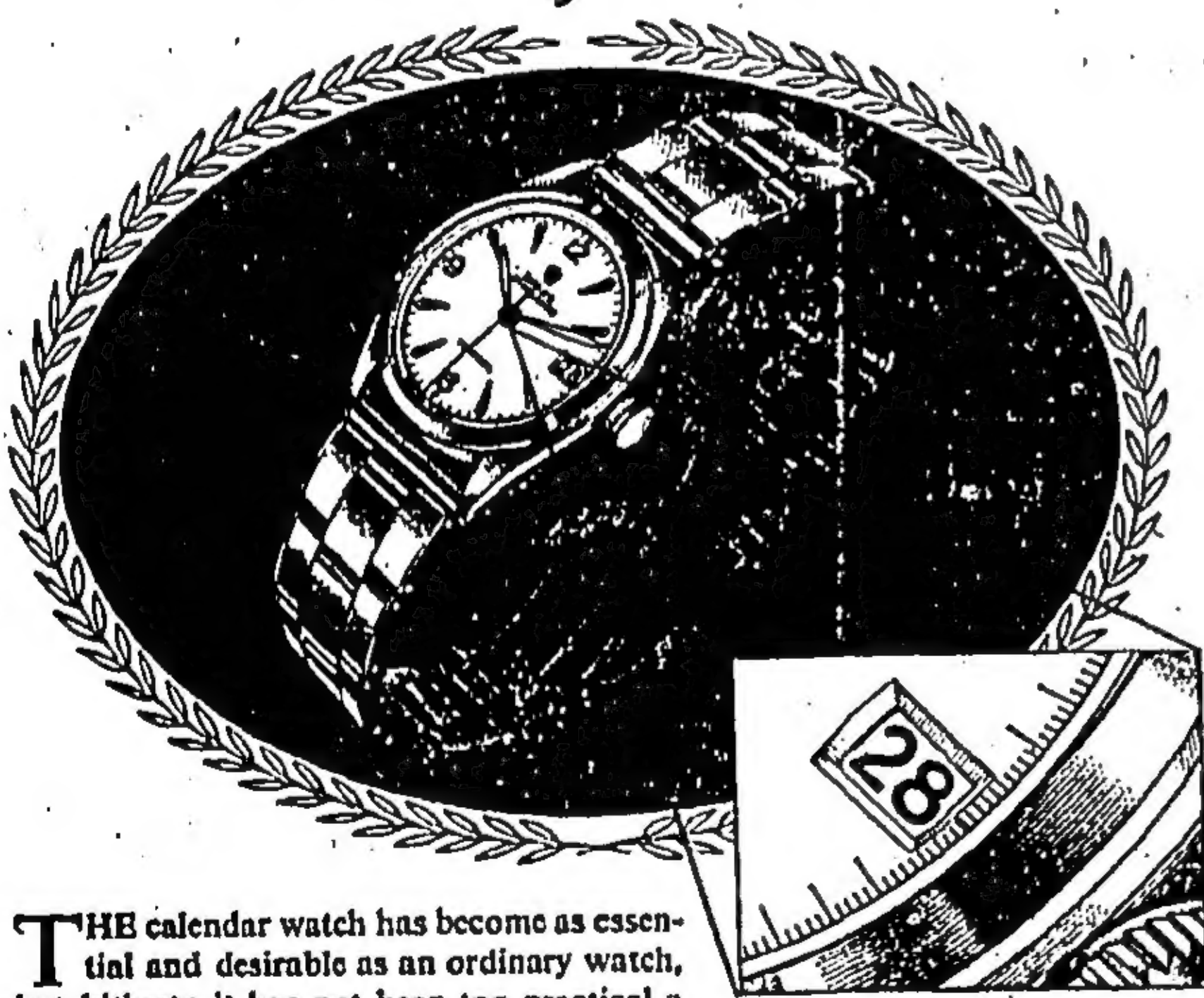
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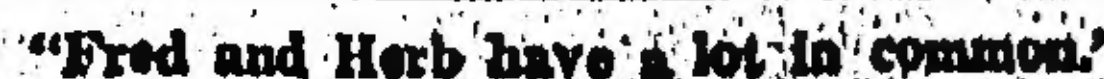
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THE THIRD TEST SPRINGBOKS SNATCH A THREE-WICKET VICTORY FROM ENGLAND

Manchester, July 12.—South Africa, beaten in the first two Tests, turned the tables on England at Old Trafford, Manchester, in a dramatic victory by three wickets with three minutes to spare.

The well deserved success was South Africa's first in Tests at Old Trafford and only their third in the entire series in England. At the same time England suffered their first defeat for 53 years on the Lancashire ground.

They had been unbeaten there since the Australians' famous triumph by three runs in 1902.

Evans, as brave a player as any who has appeared on the Test scene since England's outside chance of saving the day when despite his fractured little finger, he batted last and cracked the South African bowlers to all parts of the boundary for an amazing 36.

Had Evans got his way in arguments with May, his captain, the Kent man would have been behind the stumps in the last innings. May would not think of letting Evans take the risk of further injury, and Graveney wore the gloves.

He kept splendidly despite a swollen finger—an addition to the long list of injuries suffered on the fast turf, and except for a half chance by the last quarter of an hour, which only a wicket-keeper of Evans' skill could have held, he did nothing wrong.

WINNING HIT

Waite made the winning hit, a fluent off-drive to the boundary off Tyson but to McGlew and McLean went most of the honour for keeping the rubber alive.

McGlew stood his ground, though hit, several times by Tyson at his fiercest and he stayed 100 minutes of the 130 minutes his side spent over their task.

McLean turned the tide which suddenly ran for England when Bedser snatched two early wickets. The century maker of the Lords Test batted superbly for 50.

Winslow with huge sixes and a four in 16 helped to settle the issue at a crucial stage. May did not use Bailey or Titmus in the last innings and Tyson, Bedser and Lock bore the burden. Once more it was brave batting against a big-hearted bowling that gained the day.

The weather remained oppressively hot and the pitch was as fast as ever when Cowdrey (42) and Lock, the overnight "stop gap" with three to his name, resumed their partnership, this morning.

Lock resisted nearly an hour, scoring 19 to four by Cowdrey, before McGlew, despite his bad thumb, smartly caught him at mid-off.

England, then 270 for five, led by only 33 with five hours left for play.

A bigger blow followed, Cowdrey, having completed 50 in four hours, edged a catch to second slip.

Bailey, not obviously troubled by his groin strain, proceeded to close one end. Titmus made it clear that the other would not readily fall, for he straightaway drove Heine to the screen.

TIME WAS UP.

The pair were still together at lunch when England, with four wickets left, (counting

Evans as a batsman) stood 50 ahead. Bailey went in to lunch with a tally of six runs in 65 minutes.

Run getting as well as time was vital for England. Titmus did his best to increase South Africa's lead by delightfully square-cutting two fours in the opening overs after lunch, but in his new found enthusiasm for scoring he chased an outswinger from Adecock and edged a catch to slip.

Titmus set the crowd roaring by cracking his rival fast bowler Heine at expressed speed through the crotches but the promise of a typical knock by the Northamptonshire man ended as Heine yanked him.

Heine, still fast, though taking a shortened run, induced a catch at the wicket by Bedser at 33. Then to a thunderous round of cheers came the invalid, Evans, with a bandage reinforcing the glove on the finger he had fractured.

Evans needed no shielding. He attacked Heine, straight driving him for four and slashing him to the boundary in the same over. Turning his attention to Goddard, the injured England wicket keeper on drove and hooked him for two runs in an over. The drive was a bare inch short of being a six.

There was better to follow. For Evans stole the bowling and eluded Tayfield for 11-4-2-4 and one in an over in which McGlew dropped a difficult catch on the run.

Evans hit seven fours in his brilliant display which brought him 36 of the remarkable last wicket stand of 48 in 40 minutes.

Butley accomplished his mission with 38 not out in three hours. Heine took the bowling hours with five wickets for 66 but Adecock was little behind him in general effectiveness, with three for 53.

145 TO WIN.—South Africa, needing 145 to win in 133 minutes made no bones about their intentions. Seven runs, including a cut four by McGlew, came off the first over from Tyson and Bedser's opening over brought the same number.

Eighteen came in 15 minutes. Then Bedser struck twice and sent England's hopes soaring. First Goddard mistimed an intended drive and May easily held a catch lofted in mid-off.

In Bedser's next over Keith, another left-hander, played right over a ball well up to him and South Africa after 40 minutes' batting, were 23 for two.

Much depended for South Africa on McGlew weathering Tyson's onslaught. McGlew swung his bat at Bedser and hit a six over the square leg hopes.

WITHIN VICTORY

Then Waite smartly square cut Tyson for four and the South Africans were within four of a victory. Excited yells from women and children greeted Lock's effort to obtain a leg before decision against Tayfield.

Tayfield fell flat trying vainly to make a winning hit off the spin bowler. Graveney dusted him down.

The honour of clinching the victory fell next over to Waite. He off-drove Tyson beautifully. The field were left standing and as the ball bounded over the ropes, South Africa had won by three wickets.

THE SCOREBOARD
England 1st Innings 284,
2nd Innings 381.
South Africa, 1st Innings 621 for eight declared.
S. AFRICA, 2ND INNINGS
R. A. McLean, run out 50
D. J. McGlew, b. Tyson 48
T. L. Goddard, c. May, b. Bedser 0
H. J. Keith, b. Bedser 0
P. Winslow, b. Tyson 10
P. Mansell, lbw, b. Tyson 4
J. Waite, not out 10
W. Endean, c. Titmus, b. Lock 2
H. Tayfield, not out 0
Extras 0

Total for seven 145
Fall of wickets: 1/10, 2/23, 3/90, 4/112, 5/120, 6/132, 7/135.

BOWLING
Tyson 13.3 2 55 3
Bedser 10 1 01 2
Lock 9 2 23 1
—France-Press.

Invitation Relay

The 10 Medium Regt. is holding a Swimming gala at Victoria Pool at 2 p.m. this afternoon. The Invitation Relay will be a 4 x 1 freestyle—open to Army, Navy and Air Force.

Working behind the scenes England's soccer bosses are making plans for the new critical season starting on August 26. James Connolly knows these top names in football intimately. He has visited them at their clubs and in their homes. He has collected some fascinating stories of their background, their views on soccer's trends, of great players and of their achievements and ambitions. He presents them in MEET THE BOSS.

WHY 'DALLY' DUNCAN NEVER WENT BACK

By JAMES CONNOLLY

Douglas Duncan was 17 when he arrived in Yorkshire. He expected to stay for only a long week-end and a trial with Hull City.

That was 28 years ago—but he has never returned to his native Aberdeen, except for a holiday.

At Hull, Irish International Bill McCracken set him on the road to Soccer stardom with some good advice, and the chance to do what he wanted most in life.

It was this same Douglas Duncan—"Dally" to everyone in football—who last season took Luton Town into the First Division of the Football League for the first time in their history.

An incredible achievement, since Luton had only 20 full-time professionals.

Forty-five-year-old "Dally" has been in and around football for as long as he can remember.

It all started when he was little more than a toddler.

He carried big brother Jim's football boots to matches of the local Aberdeen Richmond side.

He had two motives—fanatical hero-worship of his brother and free admission to matches as a reward for his labour.

The nickname? Well, Duncan was such a little chap that his brother affectionately called him "Dally."

Then, as a schoolboy, in the mysterious way that names have of changing between boys, this became "Dally."

"I used to love dribbling with the ball so I would hang on to it. The switch in nicknames was natural enough," he told me.

This soft-voiced Scot with the pawky sense of humour, caplinched his school, team (Old Aberdeen) at 11, played for his country as a schoolboy and a man (1932-37), and became one of Scotland's greatest left wingers.

"As a boy I spent every spare moment kicking a rubber ball around on a piece of waste ground at the top of the street."

"When the other boys weren't there I worked hard on little dribbling tricks with which I hoped to surprise them."

The proudest moment of a brilliant career? Undoubtedly when he was chosen to succeed the immortal Alan Morton as Scotland's left wing partner to the great Alex James.

HE DID SCORE.

Even the 5-2 defeat by Wales didn't spoil the moment. After all Dally did score.

The greatest star he ever played with? Without hesitation "Dally" goes for Bob McPhail (Rangers), a player who had flash-quick reflexes to match his darting feet.

The secret of his success? Just that he has never wavered in the conviction that fans will pay to watch good football and that like the players, they will enjoy it.

In the past Luton have paid some fancy prices for box-office stars to boost hopes and gates. Now they will try to find their own stars among the local youngsters.

"We are determined to give local boys every chance," said "Dally."

"I have tried out at least 50 in the past couple of weeks."

My chairman, Mr Percy Mitchell, and his directors are solidly behind me on this idea."

"Dally" Duncan enjoys his games of golf—he was down to a single figure handicap at Derby—or bowls. But something in the hurry-burly of reaching for Soccer stardom, he has never got around to driving a car.

HARDLY NEEDS ONE

He hardly needs one. He lives in a neat little terrace house not 100 yards from the Luton ground.

His wife Dorothy—a Derby girl—on special occasions proudly wears the Cup medal he won with Derby County in 1946 as a pendant on a gold chain.

The First Division doesn't hold any terrors for "Dally."

"My boys are constructive," he says, "and young enough to improve. The First Division will sharpen their reflexes and make them better players. They'll have the chance to play the way they like it."

Luton open their home First Division programme against "Spurs on August 27, and "Dally" hopes for a full house.

Success hasn't come automatically to the quiet, unassuming Luton boss. He has given his life to football, nine years of it as a player and manager at Luton.

The club's success and prosperity is a well-earned reward.

(London Express Service)

ROYAL HUNT CUP

Probable Starters And Jockeys

London, July 13.

Twenty-three probabilities and jockeys for the Royal Hunt Cup to be run over one mile at 1445 GMT at Ascot today are:

Military Court (E. Mercer), Chivalry (L. Pigott), Sunny Breeze (W. Elliott), Minstrel (C. Gaston), Tudor Honey (W. Rickaby), Coronation Year (D. Smith), Sharragh (G. Kelhing), Rejoicing (R. Hughes), Sugar Ray (E. Smith), Stormy Hour (W. Swinburn), Swoop (D. Ryan), Comic Turn (J. Egan), Wayfare (F. Durr), Immortal (P. Robinson), Fair Risk (D. Greening), Waymouth Bay (A. Brestley), Nicholas Nickleby (W. Snaith), Romyany Minstrel (J. Terry), Coronation Boy (T. Carter), Affreux (R. Reader), River Line (D. Morris), Buckley (D. Keith) and Dorking (S. Milbank).

Six probabilities and jockeys for £13,500 Ascot Gold Cup, to be run over 2½ miles at 1525 GMT today (Wednesday) are:

Elmopar (S. Boulenger), Sillex II (Paul Blano), Blue Prince II (W. H. Carr), Gala Performance (L. Pigott), Blanche Stone (W. Rickaby) and Botticelli (E. Camici). All carry nine stone—China Mail Special.

It's Up To Trabert To Defend Davis Cup For America In 1956

New York, July 13.

It's too early to make any definite predictions about the 1956 Davis Cup, but one thing is clearly evident—it's up to Tony Trabert to defend it for the U.S.

Australia, which plays in the American Zone this year, is favoured to win through to the Challenge Round, so it probably will be Trabert, Vice-Selxas and Ham Richardson against Ken Rosewall, Lew Hoad and Rex Hartwig.

Trabert is the key man. If he is at the peak of his game, America should win again, with two singles victories by Tony and a Trabert-Selxas victory over the Aussie doubles team.

NO TOP-FLIGHT MAN.—One other long-range Cup factor seems clear, too. America has no other really top-flight man coming up behind Trabert. Richardson, who will become a Rhodes scholar this autumn, won't have as much time to devote to international tennis.

Hugh Stewart and Tony Vincent did nothing of importance on this year's international swing, and Bob Perry seems to be a few years away still. Gil Shea is good, but not of top international calibre. Selxas, Art Larsen, Gardner Mulley, Tom Brown and Bill Talbert, also among the first ten for the 1954 rankings, all are too old.

If America wins the Cup again this year, with Trabert the big man, Tony goes on to win the U.S. Nationals a week later, he will turn professional.

So in 1956 the U.S. may not be a strong defender of the Davis Cup. It quite possibly could lose the Inter-Zone Finals to Sweden or Italy in 1956, if Australia wins the cup this year but Trabert is impressive enough to turn pro anyhow.

However, U.S. officials aren't worrying about 1956 yet. They have enough worry with the '55 defence, but if Trabert is on top form, their worries are over.—United Press.

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Sir George Thomas Defends Malaya Against U.S. Criticisms

London, July 12.

Sir George Thomas, veteran British international badminton player and donor of the Thomas Cup, said today recent criticisms of treatment of the United States badminton team in Malaya, attributed to Wynn Rogers, were "unjustified" and "nonsense."

The 74-year-old former shuttlecock star had not heard of Rogers' alleged remarks until shown a clipping from the Straits Times in which they were reproduced. He had returned by sea from Singapore where he watched the Thomas Cup matches.

Sir George said, "I think his criticisms entirely unjustified. It seemed to me that the Americans, in common with the other visiting teams, were made very welcome; and that the prevailing spirit among the players, including the Malaysians, was one of genuine friendliness and good fellowship. To suggest that the home players were under orders to keep aloof seems to me sheer nonsense."

UNACCEPTABLE DOCTRINE.—"As for the umpiring," Sir George continued, "it is the duty of a service judge to keep the letter of the law. The suggestion that he should ignore minor infringements in conformity with some gentlemen's agreement is, to me, a new and quite unacceptable doctrine."

If some players were penalised more frequently than others it was because they were a little less careful about such details as keeping both feet in contact with the floor. I saw nothing whatsoever to suggest any lack of impartiality.

"Finally, may I take the opportunity of saying this. As a visitor, though not a player, it was my happy privilege to share with the teams in the almost overwhelming hospitality handed out to them."

My most grateful thanks go to Mr Heath, Joo-seng, Mr Loken Wan-tho and the Reception Committee, and many others for a wonderful time to which I shall always look back with the greatest possible pleasure.—United Press.

THE GAMBOLS

by Barry Appleby

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EAST GERMANY TURNING AWAY FROM FREE LOVE

Berlin, July 12.

Communist East Germany is turning away from the encouragement of free love, illegitimate children and easy divorce under the pressure of Church and public opinion.

A Communist family draft law, attacked by the Churches and public as undermining the family as a Christian unit of society, is to be amended to take into account the public antagonism which it has aroused.

This is the essence of a long article by Frau Hilde Benjamin, the Minister of Justice, published in Einheits, a Communist Party journal, for the instruction of Party officials.

It is the more remarkable because the family law draft, first published in June last year, was then welcomed by her, and dozens of other Communist leaders, as the latest step in progressive social reform.

NOT UNEXPECTED

The change has not come entirely unexpectedly. For the first time in the whole eight-year history of East German Communist rule, a draft law heralded with a flourish of publicity has been lying in a pigeon hole for a year.

Frau Benjamin admitted in her article that the reason why the law has aroused un-
precedented discussion, encouraged by the outspoken public protests of both the Evangelical and Catholic Churches.

The Evangelical Church, which claims most adherents in East Germany, declared that the law would threaten with extinction the Christian marriage and family life.

Its main criticisms were that the law would make divorce too easy and destroy the coherence of the family as a basic unit of society. Frau Benjamin did not directly answer the critical memorandum of the Evangelical Church, published last October, but attacked "certain circles" deliberately distorting the text and meaning of the draft law.

CONFIRMATION

She confirmed frankly, however, that public discussion in the past year had yielded definite trends in favour of Christian family morals, of which the State must take notice. There had been "clear and general opposition," she said, to the view that "life communism," as against marriage, was the truly progressive association between man and woman. Public opinion had pronounced emphatically in favour of the legally concluded marriage.

She recalled that the draft law granted full and equal rights to illegitimate children but added: "Our attitude to illegitimate children does not mean that we approve or wish to further extra-marital relations between man and woman. The existence of an illegitimate child has disturbing effects in several ways on the development of the separate family of the father or the mother, even when that family is not founded until after its birth."

"It means, for example, taking a liberal-anarchic attitude to their rights and obligations when students become fathers of illegitimate children to such an extent that a visa bonus for this reason amount to 40,000 marks (about £3,300 sterling) a month at Leipzig University alone."

Frau Benjamin then stressed the highly controversial divorce procedure envisaged under the draft law, under which the apportioning of blame is replaced by a judicial ruling that the marriage "has lost its sense." She said that the present method encouraged dishonesty, perjury and false admissions.

COURT TO DECIDE

The proposed procedure would authorise the court to decide in its own wisdom whether "serious grounds for divorce are present and the court can establish after exhaustive investigation that the marriage has lost its sense for the marriage partners, the children and society."

Frau Benjamin argued that the apportioning of blame, often arrived at by false evidence, does not generally lay bare the true process of disruption of the marriage.

She added that the discussion over divorce procedure had aroused particular passions.

"Thus, the demand was raised that divorce should not be granted under any conditions after a certain period. This was often coupled with a demand that adultery should be severely punished."

"These views do not only reflect the opinion of older women, themselves the victims of adultery, but they are an expression of the growing moral condemnation of such behaviour, which must be taken seriously." In an oblique reference to political grounds for divorce, Frau Benjamin criticised

divorces being granted frivolously upon the husband's claim that his wife had not been able to keep up with his "social development" and was hampering his progress.

PRESSURE ON WIVES

There had been cases of pressure on wives to agree to a divorce on similar grounds, she said, "in which the alleged agreement of the wife was not rarely bought by the husband with promises that he would maintain her."

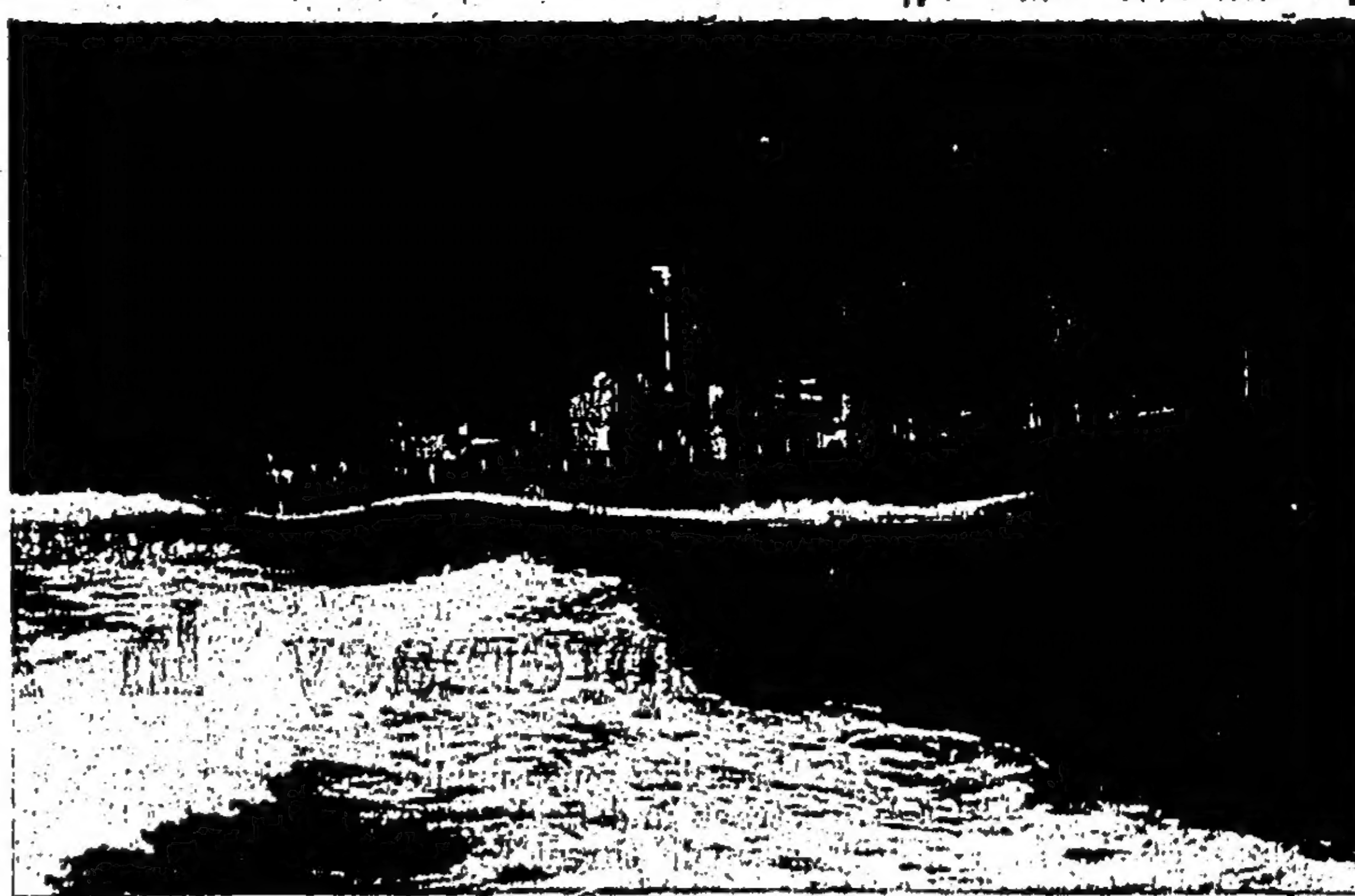
"On this the process of clarification is by no means ended," Frau Benjamin added.

It would be up to the courts as well as the Communist organisations to "bring the moral elements of marriage, the demands of marital faithfulness, the common care for the children and the maintenance of the family into harmony with personal desires and the development of the individual." Church officials here believe Frau Benjamin's statements pre-
sage certain compromise amendments on divorce procedure and the benefits of "wild marriage."

But, they say, she has ignored equally vital aspects of the family law, such as the exclusion of the Church as a legitimate influence on the family and the monopoly in education of Communist schools and youth organisations.

They fear that Frau Benjamin is trying to "buy off" Christian opposition to the law as a whole with partial concessions.—China Mail Special.

Grey Goose On Trials



A Date With Blue Moors

Bristol, July 12.

A young British Army officer is planning to spend his leave travelling alone among the remote, blue-skinned and veil-wearing tribesmen of Rio de Oro on the African west coast. Amateur explorer Lieutenant David Newton, aged 22, of Bristol, said he will begin his journey to the Spanish colony on August 18 to check at first hand the mysterious stories he had heard about the region three years ago while in Morocco.

Lieutenant Newton wants in particular to visit Rio de Oro's little-known "Blue Moors," so called because they dye their clothes that colour and in time acquire a bluish skin.

"They have an egalitarian attitude towards their women," he says. "The men wear the veils."

"Their tents are so low that it is possible only to kneel in them—and the women perform their dances on their knees."—China Mail Special.

Demonstration at speed by the famous wartime midget war-ship HMS Grey Goose which has been transformed into a "floating test bed" for the Royal Navy experiments. She has been fitted with two secret experimental Rolls-Royce Marine gas turbine engines of advanced design, and fifty per cent lighter than orthodox engines and taking up twenty-five per cent less room.—Express Photo.

Administrative City In Brussels

Brussels, July 12.

The Belgian Cabinet has decided in principle to build an "administrative city" in the centre of Brussels to house about 10 Ministries in a 40-storey skyscraper.

The building, which is to have an underground garage for up to 5,000 cars, will cover about 12 acres and cost an estimated 1,400 million francs (£10 million sterling). The Cabinet proposes to use 1,000 rooms in the skyscraper to accommodate visitors for the 1958 Brussels World Fair.—China Mail Special.

Hazardous Solo Flight

Singapore, July 12.

With a prayer and seven hours of aviation fuel in his tanks for each hop, Peter Palmer of England, is flying an 11-year-old two-engine Dragon Rapide 4,000 miles solo from Southend, England, to Noumea in French New Caledonia.

The 29-year-old war veteran and always pilot, Peter Palmer, arrived in Singapore yesterday, nine days after he had started on July 2. He leaves for Djakarta tomorrow morning and must be at his destination within 15 days.

The two-night stop here has been the longest of the trip. The aircraft received its first real servicing since setting out.

Mr Palmer does not rely on such a long journey solo, but he explained the plane would not carry sufficient fuel and an extra crew member.—China Mail Special.

Why The Pyramids Were Built Like Pyramids

London, July 12.

Of all the wonders of the Ancient World, probably the best known are the Pyramids and temples of ancient Egypt.

Yet why the Pyramids were built in that shape and even exactly how they were constructed without modern mechanical means, remains to this day a subject of discussion and disagreement among archaeologists.

New theories on these age-old problems are advanced by M. Samivel, well-known in France as artist, author and film producer, in a book which has just appeared here in English translation under the title "The Glory of Egypt" published by Thames and Hudson—42s).

M. Samivel is, as he says, "in no way a professional Egyptologist" and only "an amateur archaeologist." He freely admits that it may perhaps seem "extremely presumptuous" on his part, in view of his lack of professional qualifications in this sphere, "to dare to formulate my own theory on a subject which has been hotly debated by men of great learning and intelligence."

OWN DEFENCE

"But," he pleads in his own defence, "it has always been the privilege of even the humblest among us to submit their ideas modestly to the attention of the specialist, and to plead the legitimate benefit of historical doubt. The writer, therefore, begs leave to bring forward some speculation of his own on the precise formation of the pyramids, on the origin of their architectural style, and on the technique of construction utilised by their builders."

"He considers the key to this problem resides in the symbolism of altitude. "It seems reasonable" to suppose that everyone would agree with this very simple definition: Pyramids are ar-

chitectural mountains. Once this has been said, it would seem that one has said everything.

"It is impossible to imagine a material form that could symbolise so effectively, and with such architectural simplicity, the ancient aspiration of mankind to reach a heavenly abode and to become identified with the sun."

To the Ancients, preoccupied with the origin of life, and death, the world appeared to be composed of three planes: the terrestrial, or domain of the living; the subterranean, belonging to the dead; and the celestial, the sphere of transcendent, superhuman personages—spirits, gods and demi-gods. Mountains, pointing towards the heavens, were considered either to be gods themselves or the dwelling places of gods. From this, they came to be regarded as the link, or ladder, between the land of men and the heavenly habitations of the gods.

Once this conception was established in the minds of men, says M. Samivel, "it was only logical to choose so sacred a place for the burial of their dead. It was precisely in this sacred spot that the dead person, whether deified or not, would find the most favourable conditions for reaching heaven and for benefiting to the greatest possible extent from the flow of celestial and solar energy."

IMPORTANT PART

Thus, the pyramid came to play its own important part in a vast body of religious belief. The artificial mountain—the range of pyramids, which begins where the natural mountains of Libya leave off—was, for example, the frontier assigned by Egyptian mythology to the realm of the dead.

Moreover all the pyramids are situated on the left-hand west bank of the Nile—that is, on the bank where the sun appeared to set, the bank of death and the resting places of the dead.

The very construction of the pyramid, M. Samivel thinks, supports his theory. It was built not to enclose space, but as a solid volume of stone, that is, it was a faithful copy of a natural form. To see how natural, one has only to study one of the excellent photographs with which this book is illustrated—a picture showing the barrier of natural mountains standing up like pyramids on the rim of a desert of burning sand. For, as the author stresses, there are natural pyramids in Egypt which bear a striking resemblance to the man-made structures, but at which few people seem to look:

"They are roughly, the same height," he writes, "and the inclination of their faces is approximately the same angle. The first pyramid ever built, the Step Pyramid of Sakkara... reproduced the ancient theme of the heavenly ladder..."

The steps, however, could not be climbed and were therefore almost symbolic. Later, the surfaces became smooth and ever shining in the reflection of the sun on their face. Through the centuries, the pyramid became a sign to be used on the temple and the obelisk. In fact, they came to symbolise "a magical flowing-down of celestial solar energy towards the earth"—in other words, they were mountain-tombs, but they were also axial mountains situated in the centre of the universe or magically projected from it in a sacred geometrical form."

MEETING PLACE

Situated at the meeting place between the terrestrial and celestial planes, it was here that the metamorphosis of the royal Ka had the best chance of taking place...

It was from here that, thanks to the pyramidal form, the flux of divine solar energy spread in a spiritual and material manner over the whole length of Egypt. "The nation was literally incarnated in its King-God; it partook of the celestial privileges of his person, which was simultaneously divine and human."

To the human, M. Samivel's theory appears logical. Nor is he so inflexible in things ancient as he would have us believe. But whatever the experts may decide, this author has certainly succeeded in laying before his readers a new picture of the philosophy of the Ancients, as well as a new line of thought.—China Mail Special.

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